

August 2, 2020
8th Sunday After Pentecost

James 5: 10 - 20
Luke 4: 22 - 30

Upcoming Services:

Sun. Aug. 2, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy- Hours at 8:45

Sun. Aug. 9, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy- Hours at 8:45

Sun. Aug. 16, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy- Hours at 8:45

Wed. Aug. 19, 9:30 am. - Divine Liturgy, for the Transfiguration of the Lord

Sun. Aug. 23, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

Fri. Aug. 28, 9:30 am. - Divine Liturgy, for the Dormition of the Theotokos

The Prophet Elijah was one of the greatest of the prophets, born of the tribe of Levi, around 900 BC. His name means "Lord's Strength", and from his youth he spent his life in the wilderness, in fasting, meditation, and prayer. In adulthood he was called into prophetic service under the Israelite King Ahab. During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their fathers, abandoning worshipping one god and turning to pagan idols. The worship of Baal led the Israelites towards complete moral decay.

Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began denouncing King Ahab and his wife Jezebel for their impiety, exhorting them to repent and turn to the true God. But the king would not listen. So, the Prophet Elijah forecast a drought that would cease only through his prayer. And indeed, there befell a terrible drought and famine throughout the land.

During this time of tribulation the Lord took pity on the suffering nation, and was about to forgive all and send rain upon the earth, but did not want to annul the prophecy of Elijah to repentant, so sent him away to the Stream of Horath, where ravens brought food to eat daily. But after three years of this drought the Lord decided to bring an end to the misfortune, and sent the prophet back, who proposed the building of two sacrificial altars, one for Baal and the other for the Israelite God, "upon which one comes down fire from heaven indicates the one true God."

Morning to night the Baal prophets offered sacrifice on their altar, but in vain the heavens were silent. Elijah made his altar of wood in a ditch of water upon 12 stones for the 12 tribes of Israel. Towards evening he prayed for God to send down fire from heaven to return the wayward people, and indeed fire did come down and light the wood - stones and water inclusive - with the people crying out, "In truth is the Lord the one true God, and there is no other besides him!"

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the Prophet Elijah. While grieving over his failure to eradicate idol-worship, Elijah was visited by an angel, who sent him on a forty-day journey to a cave in Mount Horeb, where, following a terrible storm and an earthquake the Lord appeared as a burst of flame in a gentle wind, revealing 7,000 faithful servants. Elijah cast off his robe on one of them, Elisha, anointing him into prophetic service, then made his historical departure, riding off into heaven in a chariot with fiery wheels harnessed by four winged horses.

Reader Schedule:

Sun. Aug. 2 - Greg Kuzmenchuk

Sun. Aug. 9 - Kurtis Lauser

Sun. Aug. 16 - Jim Hamer

Sun. Aug. 23 - Wesley Hatch

Birthdays:

Aug. 2 - Darren Domsohn, Pru Vito,
Cynthia Neff

Aug. 5 - Bob Barlow, Anna Hershey

Upcoming Events:

Mon. August 3 - Fall Bazaar meeting. 7pm
On-line meeting

Tue. August 18 - Executive Board Mtg. 7 pm

Notices:

Covid-19 Church Reopening (GREEN)

Church is open under Green rules. You ***no longer need to call ahead if attending.*** Special precautions are being taken; entry and exit through main doors only, ***side door from the ramp will be locked,*** masks will be required, hand sanitizing will be required, gloves will be available, parishioners must sign - in, everyone's temperature will be checked, seating will be spaced apart (families may sit together), veneration of Holy objects will be performed by bowing and making the sign of the cross (no kissing), there will be no grouped choir, ***paper bulletins will be available on the Tetrapod for you to pick up,*** the collection basket will be placed on the Tetrapod for donations, children under 10 are not to receive Communion, the church hall is closed, no coffee hour after Liturgy, and confessions will be taken by appointment on Saturdays (only one person in church at a time). It is recommended that anyone over the age of 65, or those with underlying medical conditions stay home for their own safety, however, no one will be turned away. The church will be thoroughly disinfected between services.

Anniversaries:

None this week

Notices:

Dormition Fast

The fast for 'Dormition of the Theotokos' begins Aug. 14, and lasts for two weeks.

Panahyda

On Aug. 2, for Mary Wilkes (13th yr.).

Bulletin Change

In August, Wesley Hatch will be relinquishing the duties of preparing the weekly bulletin. Wes and Marcia together served this assignment for over 8 years.

Foods Available for Sale

Pierogies, (Potato/Cheese, Sauerkraut, Mushroom), Paska breads (with raisins), Kielbasa, Haluski, Nut Rolls and some soups.

August Charity

Parishioner Care Fund

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Avelino Tejaro, Erin Bove, Ann Gara, Richard Ziegler, Chris Mican, John Ruczhak, Glenn Moran, Wes Hatch, & Don Brusato

For bulletin additions contact Wesley Hatch by Friday 6 pm